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International Islamic Commission on Human Rights
La Commission Islamique Internationale
pour les Droits de l'Homme

Mr Ian Martin
Amnesty International

Dear Mr Martin,

Please refer to my letter of 9 March concerning General Saad el Din el Shazly, the former chief of the Egyptian armed forces.

General Shazly duly returned to Egypt on 14 March and was arrested at Cairo airport reportedly by military intelligence. Since then he has been held by the Egyptian authorities but there is no information at all as to where or under what conditions.

As you know from my earlier letter, General Shazly returned to Egypt to seek to prove his innocence through a retrial of the charges of allegedly revealing military secrets in a book which he had written in 1979 about the October war.

I urge you again to take up this case with the Egyptian government to persuade them to grant General Shazly the retrial he seeks, and that it be open and fair, and that he be given the necessary legal guarantees to enable him to defend himself adequately. He absolutely refutes the charges against him and is confident that before a fair tribunal he would be able to prove his innocence.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam

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Secretary General